

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 538
By Beavers

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate the members of the
Chapel Hill Lions Club on the 50th anniversary
of the organization.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that this legislative body honor those organizations that
have performed with extraordinary dedication and unprecedented devotion; and

WHEREAS, one such outstanding organization is the Chapel Hill Lions Club, the first
civic club organized in Chapel Hill; and

WHEREAS, this year marks the 50th year of the organization's existence; and

WHEREAS, on the 31st of May, 1946, a group of men in Chapel Hill met to form the
Lions Club; from that organizational meeting, Lions Club International officially chartered the
Chapel Hill Lions Club on June 17, 1946; and

WHEREAS, of the 16 original men who were Charter Members of the Chapel Hill Lions
Club, three are still active in the club today; they are Milton Blackwell, Garrett Lawrence, Sr.,
and Robert Stammer; and

WHEREAS, from the original 16 men, the Club grew and presently has 106 members; it
is the second largest Lions Club in the state of Tennessee and is still the only civic club in
Chapel Hill; and

WHEREAS, the Lions Club motto was formed by those 16 founding members and
remains the same today; the Club's motto is "WE SERVE"; and

WHEREAS, sight conservation is the primary goal of every Lions Club worldwide; the Chapel Hill Lions Club has donated over \$150,000 to sight conservation in the Middle Tennessee area; and

WHEREAS, the Lions Club also funds programs for Senior Citizens, provides a Community and Senior Citizens' building, has developed and maintains an athletic complex in Chapel Hill, funds a rural Volunteer Fire Department, and helps support Boy Scout Troops, Girl Scout Troops, 4-H programs and many other programs at the local school; and

WHEREAS, during the last 20 years, the members of the Lions Club have concentrated their efforts on projects which have not only brought nationwide recognition to Chapel Hill, but also to the state of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, they are committed to meeting the ever changing needs of the world today, and they intend to be at the forefront in meeting the needs of their community and their fellow human beings; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to recognize the accomplishments of the members of the Chapel Hill Lions Club and to plan on celebrating the 100th anniversary of the organization in the next 50 years; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we hereby honor and congratulate the members of the Chapel Hill Lions Club on the 50th anniversary of the organization and wish them all continued success in their future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.